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Plainfield Public Schools 5K Walk/Run For Life Winners

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PLAINFIELD, NJ - The [6th Annual Queen City Historic Walk Run for Life](#), co-sponsored by Plainfield Public Schools and the City of Plainfield, took place on October 8, 2016.

The Plainfield Public School's "Team Evergreen," won the elementary school children's division in the one-mile race that included elementary schools from Plainfield, including Stillman School, as well as those from surrounding communities.

Also placing high on the winners list were Miguel Diaz, 17, and Christopher Manzano, 16, who placed first and third, respectively, in the 5K race at the high school level.

The annual fundraiser generates lots of excitement every October since its inception six years ago by founder and chairman Darryl Clark, a Plainfield resident and running enthusiast.

Mr. Clark says the race promotes positive character based of five pillars: 1) Engage and Unite Plainfield and surrounding communities, 2) Highlight the historic legacy and beauty of Plainfield, 3) Advocate for youth and senior citizens (especially the less privileged), 4) Raise awareness and advocacy for health and wellness, 5) Raise funds for scholarships, for the less privileged, and non-profit community resources.

This year's theme was *"Walking/Running Together so Everyone can Achieve More"*, and the course was USATF-certified and sanctioned.

The Plainfield Public School students received the support of the district and the school's athletic coaches, including Coach Carol Taffaro and Track & Field Coach Cecile Brown-Evans. Also on hand were Evergreen's Vice Principal Juan Pablo Jimenez and Plainfield Board of Education member David Rutherford.

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